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## THE HIGH COST OF HIGH PRESSURE

Check and Reduce Your Water Pressure  
for Optimal Irrigation Efficiency



*High pressure can cause misting, reducing the amount of water delivered to your plants.*

system pressure is more than 15 PSI (pounds per square inch) over the recommended irrigation operating pressure, you should consider reducing it.

There are two ways to reduce the water pressure to your irrigation system. The first way is to install a single main-line pressure regulator for the whole irrigation system. Typically, this is installed on the irrigation system main-line just after it branches off from your home's main water line, which runs from the City's water meter to your home. Installing a pressure regulator will reduce pressure in the whole system at once, allowing the irrigation system to run at top efficiency and require less repairs.

The second way to reduce water pressure is to use pressure-reducing valves or 'inline pressure regulators' for each watering zone. These allow you to set each zone to a different pressure, which can be beneficial if you have different types of irrigation in your landscape. For example, spray heads can be adjusted to a lower pressure to reduce misting, while rotor valves can be set to a higher pressure to achieve a greater watering radius. Keep in mind that drip zones sometimes already have a pressure-reducing filter or inline regulator installed.

Cost and ease of installation are considerations to both options. While pressure regulation affects the efficiency of your system, it is just one part of maintaining a water wise irrigation system. The City's Smart Landscape Rebate Program may cover pressure regulators, drip conversion, mulch and more. Call the Water Conservation Hotline at (805) 564-5460 to schedule a pre-inspection to see if you are eligible for efficiency incentives! For more information visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Rebates](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Rebates).

Is the water pressure in your landscape too high? Water pressure from the City's water main often must be reduced on your property to properly run your irrigation system. Too much pressure can make sprinklers work inefficiently and cause misting, reduced water coverage, dry spots in your landscape, and lead to early failure of valves and pipes. To measure the water pressure coming into your irrigation system, simply attach a pressure gauge directly to the hose bib that is closest to your water meter; pressure gauges can be found at your local hardware store. If your

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REBATE

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RINSE, REBATE...**

**HIGH EFFICIENCY  
WASHING  
MACHINE**

**\$150 REBATE**

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**water wise**  
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**Parks  
Recreation**

**SUMMER  
CAMPS**

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**32 DAILY  
NONSTOPS.**

**12 MAJOR  
DESTINATIONS.**

## NEW CHARGING STATIONS AT CITY PARKING LOTS



*Several Downtown parking garages will get new or updated electric vehicle charging stations.*

The City is adding electric vehicle charging stations at several Downtown parking lots. The Helena Lot, Old Town Lot (Lot 11), and Granada Garage (Lot 6) will each receive new or updated charging stations. Beyond adding more electric vehicle parking stalls, the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Upgrade Project will replace existing equipment that is being phased out and is no longer expected to be supported by carriers in the next few years. The project also includes construction to meet current accessibility requirements.

The project supports the City's Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. As part of the project, a new pay-by-plate system will be installed at the Helena Lot. This change from 90-minute parking to paid parking will allow drivers to stay longer and offers a convenient way to pay. Using the pay-by-plate system, drivers simply enter their license plate and purchase time at a self-service pay station, and do not need to return to their vehicle to display a receipt. This system is also compatible with other convenient payment options that the City is exploring, like pay-by-phone.

Construction at the Granada Garage and Old Town Lot will be minor and will not require closure of the lots. Construction at the Helena Lot will require partial or full closure during the construction period. The contractor will provide notice to adjacent residences and businesses 72 hours prior to construction.

## LOCAL MEDICATION DISPOSAL



*There are a variety of places to safely drop off medication.*

Please don't flush medicines down the toilet! Wastewater treatment facilities were not designed to remove many of the chemicals that make up pharmaceutical products. If released into water bodies, these pharmaceutical byproducts can adversely impact wildlife and the environment.

In Santa Barbara County, "MED-Project" provides safe disposal of unwanted prescription and over-the-counter household medications. You can place medicines in a baggie and recycle the containers, or keep medications in their original containers but remove or scratch out all personal information.

### ACCEPTED:

Medications in any dosage form except for those listed below, in their original container or sealed bag.

### NOT ACCEPTED:

Herbal remedies, vitamins, supplements, cosmetics, other personal care products, compressed cylinders, aerosols, inhalers, medical devices, sharps, illicit drugs, mercury containing thermometers and iodine-containing medications.

### Medication Drop-Off Locations:

- CVS Pharmacy — 2973 State Street
- CVS Pharmacy — 1109 State Street
- CVS Pharmacy — 3939 State Street
- CVS Pharmacy — 222 West Carrillo Street
- CVS Pharmacy — 1835 Cliff Drive
- City of Santa Barbara Police Department — 215 E. Figueroa Street
- Medicine Shoppe — 3605 State Street
- San Ysidro Pharmacy — 1498 East Valley Road
- Sansum Clinic — 317 West Pueblo Street
- Santa Barbara County Public Health Pharmacy, Santa Barbara — 345 Camino del Remedio
- Sheriff's Department, Santa Barbara Headquarters — 4434 Calle Real
- Sheriff's Department, Santa Barbara Jail — 4436 Calle Real

For a list of drop-off locations for sharps and other medical items visit:

**[www.SBRecycles.org](http://www.SBRecycles.org)**